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SUBJ: FROLIZI HIT BY MASS WALKOUT

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED JUNE 15 THAT 30 FROLIZI " OFFICIALS" HAD RESIGNED AND WERE TO JOIN ZANU EN BLOC. THOSE QUITTING MOVEMENT INCLUDED THREE MEMBERS OF FROLIZI' S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE -- FINANCE SECRETARY NATHAN SHAMUYARIRA, POLITICAL SECRETARY FABION KASHIRI, AND WELFARE AND LABOR SECRETARY STANLEY PARIREWA. FOURTEEN LEADERS FROM VARIOUS BRANCHES AND DISTRICT COUNCILS ALSO RESIGNED. GROUP' S JOINT STATEMENT SAID SOME CADRES " WHO COULD NOT BE NAMED FOR SECURITY REASONS" HAD ALSO WITHDRAWN THEIR SUPPORT FROM FROLIZI.

2. MAIN REASON GIVEN BY GROUP FOR MASS RESIGNATION WAS LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN MOVEMENT' S TWO TOP LEADERS, CHAIRMAN JAMES CHIKEREMA AND FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARY GEORGE NYANDORO. STATEMENT SAID THEY TOTALLY REJECTED CHIKEREMA' S " AUTOCRATIC" LEADERSHIP AND ACCUSED HIM OF REFUSING CALL MEETINGS OF FROLIZI

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ORGANS AND FAILING FORGE GENUINE UNITY WITHIN MOVEMENT. STATEMENT ADDED THAT INTERNAL DIFFERENCES DUE TO DETERMINATION OF CHIKEREMA AND NYANDORO " RETAIN POSITIONS OF PERSONAL POWER FIRST IN ZAPU AND NOW IN FROLIZI."

3. CLAIMING " FROLIZI IS DEAD," GROUP SAID THEIR WITHDRAWAL MEANT " UNITED FRONT ESTABLISHED IN 1971 BY MEMBERS OF BOTH ZAPU AND ZANU NO LONGER EXISTS. WHAT IS LEFT IS SMALL CLIQUE LOYAL TO CHIKEREMA PERSONALLY THAT CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT CALL ITSELF A UNITED FRONT." GROUP PLEDGED TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING FROLIZI FORCES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ZAMBIA AND URGED THEM JOIN FORCES WITH ZANU.

4. DEFECTIONS FOLLOW EXCHANGE IN PRESS BETWEEN MUKUKA NKOLOSO, PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT LIBERATION CENTER, AND FROLIZI PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION SECRETARY LUKE MUNYAWARARA OVER NKOLOSO'S " ORDER" THAT FROLIZI CLOSE SEPARATE OFFICE IN NEW KABWATA (LUSAKA SUBURB). IN REPLY MUNYAWARARA CLAIMED NO FROLIZI OFFICIAL WAS BASED EITHER IN LUSAKA OR ELSEWHERE IN ZAMBIA. " WE ARE ALL AT THE FRONTLINE IN THE BUSHES OF RHODESIA," MUNYAWARARA SAID. ADDED THAT CHIKEREMA, NYANDORO, SHAMUYARIRA, PARIREWA, AND GENERAL SECRETARY STEPHEN PARIRENYATWA WERE IN RHODESIAN BATTLE AREAS.

5. COMMENT. WHILE MAKING ROUTINE CALL ON SHAMUYARIRA AT HIS LUSAKA HOME JUNE 14, EMBOFF HAPPENED UPON MEETING INVOLVING SHAMUYARIRA, KASHIRI, AND PARIREWA. GROUP OBVIOUSLY UP TO SOMETHING BUT RATHER CLOSEMOUTHED. ASKED ABOUT OFFICE IN NEW KABWATA, SHAMUYARIRA SAID THEY WOULD NOT BE USING IT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS OWNER OF HOUSE HAD RETURNED.

6. LATEST RESIGNATIONS ARE BIGGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT THIS YEAR. FROLIZI MILITARY SECRETARY ELIOT MASENGO QUIT IN FEBRUARY TO REJOIN ZAPU. LAST MONTH PROVINCIAL SECRETARY PASIPANODYA NYASHANU RESIGNED AND REJOINED ZANU SAYING FROLIZI WAS " TOOTHLESS BULLDOG." FOUR OF EIGHT MEMBERS ELECTED TO FROLIZI'S REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 1972 (LUSAKA A-172) HAVE NOW RESIGNED. IN ADDITION, MOVEMENT'S YOUTHFUL FOUNDERS, SHELTON SIWELA, EMBASSY DUBE, AND GODFREY SAVANHU WALKED OUT TOWARD END LAST YEAR. EMBASSY DOUBTS WHETHER FROLIZI CAN SURVIVE THESE SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES. EXPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WILL QUIETLY DISAPPEAR AFTER LESS THAN TWO YEARS' SPORADIC ACTIVITY.
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